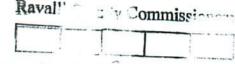
Mr. Chuck Oliver District Ranger Darby Ranger District POB 388 Darby MT 59828

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IN RE: Proposed Lost Horse Quarry Re-Opening

Dear Mr. Oliver:



The purpose of this letter is to vehemently oppose the re-opening of this rock quarry.

In the first place, the road will not handle the heavily loaded trucks, and would, therefore have to be rebuilt. This is a significant cost to taxpayers who do not want this project in the first place.

Secondly, this project endangers our precious natural resources which are already suffering from habitat degradation as a result of continued development and abuse as more and more humans come in to reside here. Where are the deer, elk, bear, cougar, moose, goats and birds to go, ultimately? To extinction? Or perhaps the San Diego Zoo.

Thirdly, the proposed site is far too near residential areas to insure public safety and quality of life. Consider the noise, the dust, children, pets, hikers, bikers, skiers, hunters, ad infinitum. There is simply no way that this mine can be re-opened without endangering so many.

Finally, I must speak to the total wanton disregard of the very fabric of the area. It appears that person or persons have instigated yet another rape and robbery on our beautiful Bitterroot Valley. When and where might this end pray tell me? Will you next wish to dynamite Trapper Peak to acquire a few rocks? NO!!! This must end. The Bitterroot Valley is geographically too small to bear further attacks and abuses. Please cease and desist for the benefit of all.

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CC: Ravalli Co. Commissioners

Barry Paulson, Acting Supervisor BNF

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